

EDITORIALS

Growth Barometer

Observing the installation of the 700,000th telephone, in the areas served by General Telephone Company, political and civic leaders gathered Tuesday noon, to hear the dynamic progress made by this largest of 5600 independent telephone services in the United States.

Installation of the 700,000th telephone in the Hollywood Riviera section, of Torrance, was significant in, that it pointed up the tremendous growth of the company's Frontier exchange which serves only part of Torrance. In the local exchange, growth has paced all other exchanges of General's properties in various sections of the country.

Executive Vice President Harlan W. Holmwood of General, made some interesting observations during a short address to the gathering, in one of the company's newer facilities on 182nd St. Noteworthy was his suggestion that the telephone business more naturally was suited to monopoly than any other. The very nature of the service is such that the public is served better by a single system than by multiple outfits competing for business in the same territory. He added, importantly, that with the monopoly came a greater responsibility on the part of the company and every one of its employees.

Keeping pace with the tremendous growth in the Frontier exchange has imposed great and costly efforts to the part of the company. It is important for Americans to realize that General, like all other telephone services, receives all its financing from private capital. Your friends and your neighbors are stockholders in General. They are entitled to a fair profit for these investments, for the risk and responsibility they assume, in providing the most important communication facility, in modern existence.

The School Problem

President Eisenhower's remarks preceding what may well become a historic White House Conference on Education, admonished those earnestly seeking a solution to the nation's school problems, not to look too freely to the government to solve what in most instances is a local problem. He agreed that federal aid may be necessary to a limited extent, but he warned about the consequences of encroaching government paternalism.

Torrance has very acute school problems due to almost uncontrolled growth that has taken place in the last eight years. Fortunately, it has had very astute handling of the problems within the limited resources of school administrators. Some misinformed individuals think the problem of double sessions can be handled overnight for the asking and others seem to think that new school buildings grow on walnut trees. Any group of individuals who subscribe to the lazy, irresponsible theory that the solution of every local problem is federal handout, are being of little or no help in a situation that can and will be solved by more responsible, more independent initiative.

Buy Christmas Seals

Fifty years ago the first Christmas Seals were sold, and an organized world-wide battle against tuberculosis began. Money raised by the colorful little stamps has played a powerful part in the detection and treatment of this dread disease.

Tuberculosis was once such a universal scourge that it was commonly known as the Great White Plague. The high death rate among its victims caused it to be regarded as practically incurable. Now we know that it is curable. Improved techniques in treatment combined with national educational campaigns and successful efforts to discover the disease in its early stages have been rewarded by restoration to health and years of useful life to many thousands of those afflicted.

There are two ways in which everyone may take part in this campaign for better health. First, cooperation with local health authorities in obtaining chest x-rays, which are provided to the public without cost. Second, liberal purchase of the annual Christmas Seals through which the never-ceasing fight is continued.

Dollars obtained by the sale of Christmas Seals help TB patients to live normal lives through a program of rehabilitation. They pay for continued research to improve methods of treatment. They aid in the detection of new cases and dissemination of facts about TB so that the public can learn how best to protect itself.

No cause could be worthier. Success in the battle against disease will prove that the brain and heart of mankind are superior to the enemies which seek to destroy it.

THINGS TO TALK ABOUT
BY FRANKLIN J. MEINE
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RECONDITIONED HOMES IN RIVERWOOD, WASH., SELL FROM \$2,500 TO \$3,500. THEY ARE AVAILABLE TO OLDER COUPLES WITH DOWN PAYMENTS OF \$200 TO \$300 FOLLOWED UP BY MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$20 TO \$30.

PEEK A-BOO!

A NEW ZEALAND LIZARD HAS A THIRD EYE LOCATED ON TOP OF ITS HEAD. THE SPECIES HAS LIVED 150 MILLION YEARS BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN FREE OF NATURAL ENEMIES.

Great Britain is beginning to make its constitution more democratic. Last year Gordon Richards, champion horse-race jockey, and Jack Hobbs, veteran cricketer, were made knights.

Grave Advice



AFTER HOURS

By JOHN MORLEY

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a series of five columns by John Morley on his eye-witness conclusions of his fourth trip around the world in the last five years. The first column on Russia and the Iron Curtain begins today... with Europe, the Near-East, South East Asia and Far East to follow.

PART I... RUSSIA and IRON CURTAIN

I have recently returned to God's country from the longest coverage of the world I have ever undertaken since my first press assignment abroad in 1931. I traveled from the borders of Russia and Finland to the borders of Communist China and Korea... through all of Europe and the Near East and through India, Indonesia, Indo China, and the critical areas of the Pacific to Japan.

To some of these areas it was my 20th trip... including some 14 trips behind the Iron Curtain just in the last five years. My conclusions are based on eye-witness comparisons of conditions... the before and the after... of many years observations and not just what I saw recently. I was inside the Iron Curtain before and after Stalin and the changes are astonishing. I saw the Russian "New Look" first hand in covering Bulgania, Zhukov and Krushchev at Geneva.

In this series I will reveal what I saw and what authoritative sources told me, revealing names and places wherever I have permission to do so. Others must remain anonymous for obvious reasons. This much I can say at the outset. I have never come back from a trip around the world as optimistic about the prospects of peace and the containment of Communism as I am today. This does not mean that the Soviet "New Look" is genuine or that the Communist party has altered its policy of world domination. Frankly, I don't know. We'll get the answer before long of Russia deeds follow Russian promises, or if they don't. But this much I can say about Soviet policy... it is going through a change in our direction, brought about by internal as well as external pressures. The external pressures result from the economical revival of Europe, the rearmament of Germany, the military strength of the U. S. and NATO and the exhilarating effect of President Eisenhower's personality and proposals at Geneva and the brilliant statements of our Secretary Dulles. I will discuss these external influences to Soviet policy in another column. Today I want to report to you on what I saw and heard along the Soviet frontiers and inside the Iron Curtain.

It is not possible to see the growth of Christianity behind the Iron Curtain by just counting churches in the big cities. Most churches in the large cities are closed and have been since the days of Stalin; that's why the casual tourist to Russia is misled. But enough are open for Christian worship and through the last five years church services have increased from one service a week to 25 a week to handle the overflow. Attendance in the prevailing churches has multiplied. I saw churches

bulging at the seams, with huge crowds waiting to enter as soon as the previous service was over. I saw parades which carried crosses instead of Red Banners. I talked with church leaders of the Orthodox, Anglican, Baptist, Seventh Day Adventist, Catholic and other faiths on both sides of the Iron Curtain. Here are the facts as gathered from my notes on the spot.

I interviewed a delegation of Russian Orthodox churchmen attending the Communist-inspired "World Peace Conference" in Helsinki, headed by Metropolitan (Patriarch) Nicolai Kolomenski, leader of the Russian Orthodox church. I asked him how many Christians are there in Russia. "Out of 200,000,000 people," he said, "my estimate is that over 150,000,000 are Christians." I asked him if these Christians are free to worship and he said they were, although admitted there were not enough churches at present to accommodate all those who want to attend. "But they worship," he said, "indoors, outdoors, in public and private halls, just the same." I asked him if the priests openly condemn Communism and atheism. "No," he said, "but how can you preach Christ without implying your opposition to atheism?"

I asked the Reverend Alexander Karev, secretary of the Baptist union in Russia, as to the number of Baptists. "In 1950," he said, "we had about 500,000... today we have passed the 1,000,000 mark in Russia." I asked Bishop C. H. Jones of the Anglican-Russian church (Episcopalian) about church attendance in Russia and Scandinavia since he commutes every month between Stockholm, Helsinki and Moscow. "In Finland," Bishop Jones answered, "less than 1 per cent of the people go to church... in Sweden about 5 per cent... in England some 11 per cent... in Russia over 75 per cent worship God publicly or in missions inside their homes. Russia is the most religious nation on this side of the Atlantic."

I asked the Reverend Josef Hromadka, dean of the Komensky Theological seminary in Prague, if the Communists persecute Christians in Czechoslovakia. "There is no persecution of Christians today, either here or in Russia. Before Stalin there was open persecution. While the Communist party does not approve of Christianity and church attendance and try to ridicule and discourage it, there is no open hostility against us. We worship unmolested."

Other religious leaders, who confirmed the growth of Christianity in side Communist nations and whose permission I have to reveal their names, are as I recorded them: the Reverend Kurt Esen, East Germany; the Reverend Harry Halli of Finnish-Russian Methodist church.

The Freelancer

By TOM RISCHÉ, Herald Staff Writer

What are you going to give to the person who has everything this Christmas?

The idea men have gone to work this Christmas again, and have come up with a bunch of stuff which may not be useful, but it is interesting. At least it's good for a laugh. Maybe you know somebody who has everything. All my friends are poor.

At any rate, if you're in the happy state of giving gifts to the person who has everything, here are some suggestions:

1. A nifty gold toothpick. For only \$19, you can have your own private toothpick. This saves you from getting wood caught between your teeth.

2. A sequined flyswatter. This lends an aura of elegance to the menial task of swatting flies. The fly also can die happily knowing that he is killed by nothing but the best. (This is the same sort of satisfaction that a person gets when he is run over by a Rolls-Royce.)

3. A jeweled can opener. This also lends elegance to a menial task, and makes the cook happy. The only drawback is that the jewels come loose and fall in the cans.

4. A gold key for your car. For just \$45, you can be the first in your neighborhood to have a gold gold key. It has no special advantage, except for those people who twirl keys around their fingers.

5. Mink-trimmed cigarette lighters. This gift makes smoking seem less like a dirty

habit. The function of the cigarette lighter is to keep tobacco out of the mouth, but the mink-well—it does something for the lighter.

6. A jeweled fly spray. This is an even more elegant way to kill flies. The glitter of the jewels take the sprayer's mind off the smell of the spray.

7. Mink earmuffs. Those whose ears get chilled in the nippy weather will find mink earmuffs just the thing to keep warm with. The mink's loss is your gain.

8. Colored cigarettes. These give the smoker a peculiar distinction and are used "wherever peculiar people congregate." Autos are going colorful. Why shouldn't cigarettes?

9. Pajamas of red and green rabbit fur. If the fur kept the rabbit warm, why shouldn't it keep you warm too? Red and green are in keeping with the Christmas spirit. These are not advisable for people who own hunting dogs, however.

10. A pearl-handled plunger. No more splinters in your hand if you get one of these nifty household gadgets. You can unstop your sink in a jiffy with these plungers with snob appeal.

These are just a few of the gifts which are available if you want to give something and don't know what to give. For further ideas see "The Freelancer's Book of Dandy Suggestions for Christmas Presents." It costs only \$5. But if you want the really fine ivory-bound edition, it costs \$25.

Glazed Glances

By BARNEY GLAZER

Betty Brown Eyes has been noticeably irked by some of my gallery remarks about the fair sex so it was inevitable that she would store up her feelings for the most propitious moment. It came sooner than she had expected. The day after Thanksgiving, I read my morning paper and remarked that two women had celebrated their turkey day by unceremoniously shooting their respective husbands. "It's a good idea," remarked my non-toe-tumble life companion.

The boys who have to eat crow have nothing on husbands who have to eat turkey for days and days after Thanksgiving and a Christmas dinner have passed. It's turkey in the lunchpail, turkey for dinner, turkey for TV snack, and turkey for The Great Midnight Refrigerator Raid. One such gobbler-stuffed breadwinner sat disgustedly in his kitchen one day while he munched a turkey sandwich. "What's for dinner tonight?" he asked. "Turkey," his wife responded. "Turkey again?" screamed the husband. "Why I'm eating it right now!" "But tonight," assured his wife, "it will be hot."

Mike Morgan of the Tampa Daily Times hurricaned me the news that the American perfume makers have concocted a dog spray known as "Kennel No. 9"... Collier's magazine, under Walter Davenport's by-line

acknowledges a new group formed by Mr. Isadore Moidel, L.A. attorney, to be called the American League of Hysterical Thinkers. Headman is to be recognized as the Grand Frenzy. Seems to me that most of us should be unanimously elected to life membership.

Jack Rosenbaum, who lights many bombs in his San Francisco News column, writes with pishuk quality about the Bay City highway patrol officer who suddenly came upon a citizen ready to leap from the Golden Gate Bridge. Without bothering to study the import of his remark to follow, the officer drew his revolver and threatened: "You get down off there or I'll shoot!" Meekly, reports Rosenbaum, the would-be suicide climbed off the bridge rail.

Non-owners of pet parakeets would have to stagger their imagination to count the many gimmicks a parakeet owner buys his pet each week. According to Oliver Towne, of the St. Paul Dispatch, one such had filled his bird's cage with so many gadgets, the poor creature had to hang on the outside and content itself with looking inside!

Paul Light, columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, tells about the cocksure golfer who took his stance at the tee and told his caddy: "Ought to make this hole with a drive and a putt, eh?" He swung with all his might, the ball rolled only a few feet, and the caddy remarked: "You sure left yourself a heck of a putt, mister."

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practive law here but if too a man in Hartford, Conn., by proxy to introduce them to each other. Performing the long-distance mail feat in the genteel art of firm handshaking was Art McGlinchy, famous sports editor and columnist for the Hartford Times. Which reminds me. I must write to Art and ask him if he happens to know that beautiful blonde living next door to me.

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The SQUIRREL CAGE

By REID BUNDY

This is a long way from the 700,000th General Telephone Co. installation in California which was the occasion for his remarks, but Harlan W. Holmwood, General's executive vice president, told a group of Torrance area civic leaders Tuesday that the day's lesson in a Russian classroom went something like this:

Teacher: Who were the first man and woman on earth?

Pupil: Adam and Eve.
Teacher: Very good! What Nationality were they?

Pupil: Russian.
Teacher: Excellent! Now, how do you know they were Russian?

Pupil: Well, they didn't have a roof over their heads, didn't have a stitch of clothes on their backs, had only one apple between them, yet they thought they lived in Paradise.

Holmwood also expressed amazement at the wonder of the human brain. "It begins functioning the minute a person is born and it doesn't cease until he stands up to make a speech," the telephone executive said. He added that many people had the same ideas about telephones. They work very well until someone tries to use one.

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NEW SPORTS PALACE... Supervisor Kenneth Hahn stands beside artist's drawing of the arena, with Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Park in background.